

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

February 19, 2002

Upon Recess of BMA

Mayor Baines called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Wihby, Gatsas, Guinta, Sysyn, Osborne, Pinard, O'Neil, Lopez, Shea, DeVries, Garrity, Smith, Thibault, and Forest

Bond Resolutions:

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000) for the 2000 CIP 760100, Crystal Lake Phase I Project.”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Two Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,900,000) for the 2000 CIP 760500, CSO Abatement Project.”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000) for the 2002 CIP 714002, Treatment Plant Improvement Project.”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) for the 2002 CIP 714102, 2MG Water Storage Tank Project.”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) for the 2002 CIP 714202, Distribution System Project.”

On motion of Alderman Thibault, duly seconded by Alderman Shea, it was voted to suspend the rules and dispense with reading of the Bond Resolutions by title only.

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Pinard, it was voted that the Bond Resolutions ought to pass and layover.

Resolutions:

“Authorizing the Finance Officer to effect a transfer of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) from Contingency to the Rent – Welfare line of Welfare (0869).”

“Amending the FY1999, FY2001 and FY2002 Community Improvement Programs, transferring, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of To Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$215,000) for FY2002 CIP 613202 Newbuild 1 Affordable Housing Project.”

“Amending the FY 1997 & 2002 Community Improvement Program, transferring, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of One Thousand Twenty Two Dollars (\$1,022) for CIP 212102 – Emily’s Place Operations Program.”

“Amending the FY2002 Community Improvement Program, transferring, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for CIP 213402 – Tenant Assistance – Security Deposits Program.”

“Amending the FY2002 Community Improvement Program, transferring, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) for FY2002 CIP 613102 Millyard Improvement Project.”

“Amending the 2002 Community Improvement Program, transferring, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) for the 2002 CIP 711302 LED Replacement Program.”

“Amending the FY2002 Community Improvement Program, transferring, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for the FY2002 CIP 810002 – Valley Cemetery Master Plan project.”

“Amending the FY2001 & FY2002 Community Improvement Program, transferring, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) for the CIP 811202 Architecture/Engineering Facilities Capital Planning Project.”

Amending the 2002 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Four Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,500,000) for certain Manchester Water Works Improvement Projects.”

“Authorizing the Finance Officer to effect a transfer amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) from the 2001 CIP 330401 McLaughlin Middle School Addition Project to the 2002 CIP 811202 Architecture/Engineering Facilities Planning Project.”

On motion of Alderman Thibault, duly seconded by Alderman Sysyn, it was voted to suspend the rules and dispense with reading of the Resolutions by title only.

Alderman Gatsas stated I would like two clarifications. One on the \$125,000 for the Millyard and then the one at the top of Page 3, the \$4.5 million Manchester Water Works Improvement Project.

Mr. MacKenzie stated the \$125,000 was funds requested by Intown Manchester to work on various repairs, corrections and landscaping in the Millyard area. The funding from that was from a fund called the Central Business District Revitalization Fund, which is in essence repayment back from the Center of New Hampshire project, which was a federally funded program. There are restrictions on those funds. They have to be used for revitalization and economic development projects in the downtown.

Alderman Gatsas asked is Derryfield Park considered in the downtown.

Mr. MacKenzie answered no it is not.

Mayor Baines stated okay we still need clarification on the \$4.5 million for Water Works.

Alderman Gatsas stated the reason I asked for the clarification is that I noticed in the Bond Resolutions on the front there were \$2 million bond projects. Is this a combination of those plus \$2.5 million or is this a separate \$4.5 million and what is it for.

Mr. MacKenzie stated it is the combination of three specific bonded projects on the front. You will notice a \$2.5 million, a \$1 million and a \$1 million. Those are all Water Works projects. Those are separate bond items. They were combined into one CIP amending resolution of \$4.5 million.

Mr. Clougherty stated if you refer to the Resolution itself it actually itemizes what those pieces are. There is \$2.5 million for the Treatment Plant improvement, \$1 million for a water storage tank project and \$1 million for general improvements to the distribution system.

Alderman Shea moved that the Resolutions ought to pass and be Enrolled.
Alderman Smith duly seconded the motion.

Alderman O'Neil stated I would like to bring up the second item, which is the \$215,000 for Neighborhood Housing. I have had a discussion with Mr. MacKenzie that going forward on any of these type of projects there is going to be a little bit of a due diligence so we know exactly what we are getting into. The other night at CIP we had a very lengthy agenda and never really had enough time to get into...we were rushing to get down to the joint meeting with the School Committee and didn't really have enough time to get into it. I am going to support this tonight but I can tell you going forward I am not going to support them unless we know the complete breakdown of these projects. I, too, am very concerned about the per unit cost.

Alderman Wihby asked did you put a committee together on housing, your Honor.

Mayor Baines answered yes and they are making a report in April.

Alderman Wihby asked wouldn't it be nice for that Committee to know that they had some money available from this project to use or decide if this is one of the top priorities or if this is the best way to spend money rather than spending \$118,000 per unit.

Mayor Baines answered I think the two efforts should stand on their own. This is a request for funds from Neighborhood Housing so I am not sure we need to...

Alderman Wihby interjected couldn't the funds be used by that committee.

Mayor Baines stated they are going to identify a strategy and not have any responsibility. They are going to make some recommendations to the Board and the community as to what needs to be done around the affordable housing initiative. I don't think we want those two efforts together.

Alderman Gatsas stated I agree with Alderman O'Neil but I don't think that looking at this for another week so that we can get some detailed information at CIP would hurt this project. I feel uncomfortable when somebody tells me that it is \$118,000 per unit. It just doesn't seem reasonable.

Mayor Baines called for a vote on the motion. The motion carried with Aldermen Wihby and Gatsas opposed to FY2002 CIP 613202 Newbuild 1 Affordable Housing Project.

CIP Budget Authorizations:

2.20724 Helping Hands Entry Door System – Revision #1-Closeout
610499 Citywide Homeowner Rehab. Program – Revision #3-Closeout
610901 Rebuild Phase II – Revision #2-Closeout
710301 Parking Facilities maintenance Program
212102 Emily's Place Operations – Revision #1
213402 Tenant Assistance-Security Deposits – Revision #1
213502 Tenant Assistance-Transitional Housing – Revision #1
611702 HOME Affordable Housing Initiatives Revision #1
613102 Millyard Improvement Project
613202 Newbuild 1 Affordable Housing Project
711302 LED Replacement Program – Revision #1
712302 Upgrade WWTF Aeration System
810002 Valley Cemetery Master Plan

On motion of Alderman Shea duly seconded by Alderman Pinard, it was voted that the CIP budget authorizations be approved subject to final adoption of related resolutions.

NEW BUSINESS

CIP Budget Authorization:

811202 Architecture/Engineering Facilities Capital Planning

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Forest, it was voted that the CIP budget authorization be approved subject to final adoption of related resolution. Alderman Forest duly seconded the motion.

Mayor Baines called for a vote. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

TABLED ITEM

CIP Budget Authorization:

410902 VAWA

On motion of Alderman Gatsas, duly seconded by Alderman O'Neil it was voted to remove this item from the table.

Alderman Gatsas stated I brought this up at the last meeting and asked whether it was new employees and whether they were funded in this. It is just a grant that is ongoing.

On motion of Alderman Gatsas, duly seconded by Alderman Lopez, it was voted that the CIP budget authorization be approved subject to final adoption of related resolution.

There being no further business, on motion of Alderman Pinard, duly seconded by Alderman Thibault, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

City Clerk